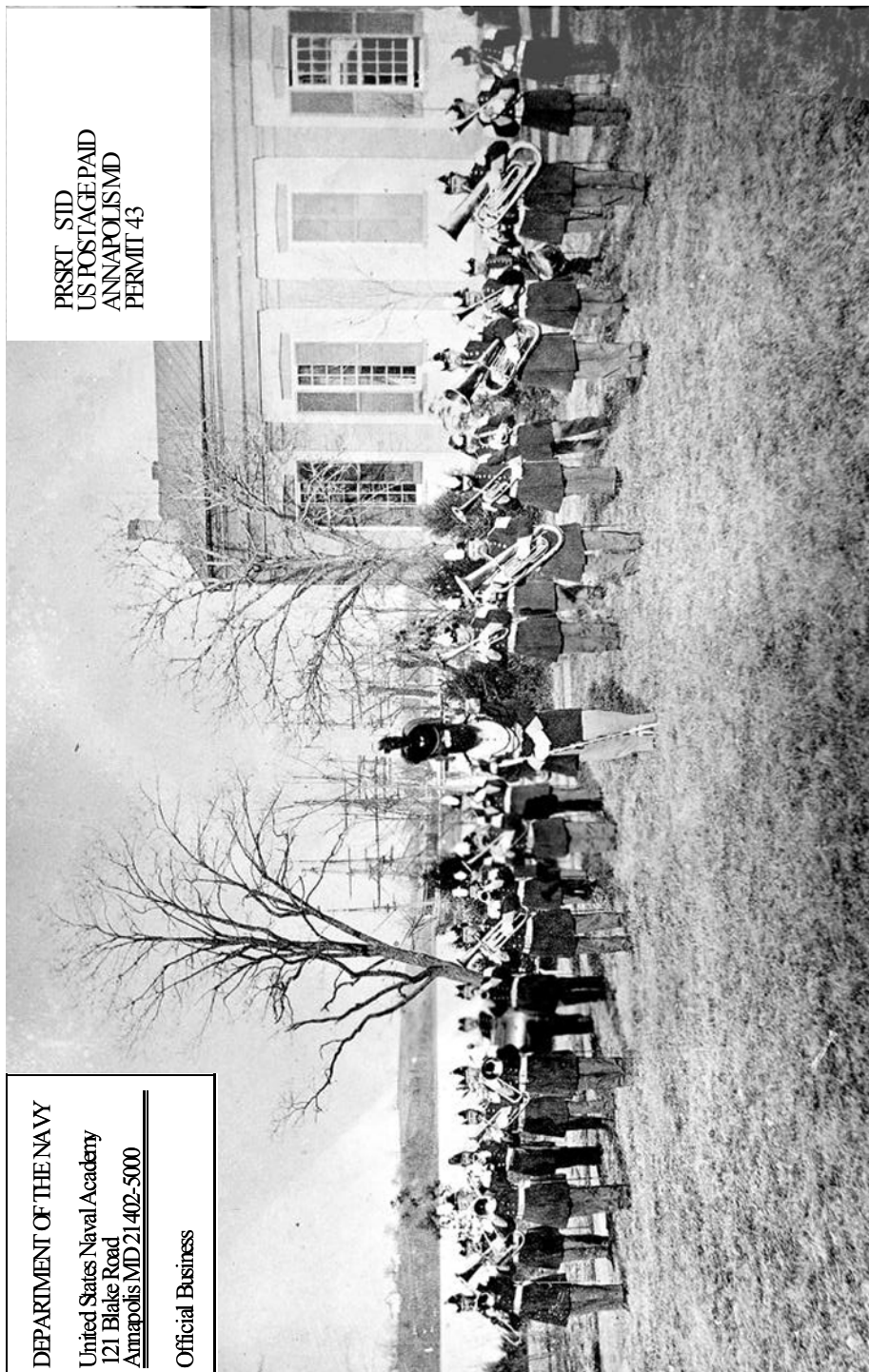


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Band



Celebrating 150 Years of Service

Ever since the founding of the Naval Academy in 1845, when the "Band" consisted of a fifer named William Bealer and a drummer named John Jarvis, music has been an important part of Naval Academy life. November 22nd marks 150 years to the day since the order was issued to establish the U.S. Naval Academy Band. Since its inception, it has changed drastically from a 13-member band of contracted civilians to today's ultra-versatile 66-member group of Navy professionals. One thing remains the same, however: the Band's dedication to the support of the Brigade of Midshipmen. Regardless of the event at the Naval Academy, military parades, ceremonies, receptions in honor of visiting dignitaries, sporting events, midshipman dances, military funerals, and the list goes on, you will find a group from the Naval Academy Band. In addition, when they're not performing in direct support of Academy functions, they're performing in the community as shining examples of the Navy and Naval Academy.

Anniversaries are traditionally milestones where we pause to remember, reflect, contemplate, and celebrate. The current members of "The Navy's Oldest and Finest Band" are proud to dedicate their concert series for the upcoming year to the hundreds of musicians who came before them, and will pay them tribute with some very special events. Preparations are underway for performances to include multimedia productions of band history, guest artists, and premiers of commemorative works. There are efforts to produce a commemorative 150th anniversary CD as well as a pictorial history book. Soon, the Drum Major, festooned in regalia reminiscent of "Old Denver," will lead the marching band down Worden Field to the beat of new rope tension drums, the same type used by the band 150 years ago. The concert band will kick off the sesquicentennial on October 4th, 2002 at the Naval Academy's beautiful Alumni Hall. This concert will feature a unique multimedia presentation highlighting photos of the band's history set to music. The festivities continue in 2003 with a celebrity guest conductor concert on Valentines Day, the "Anniversary Gala Performance," slated for May 9th, the annual Alumni concert

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The Naval Academy Band, circa 1860.

The United States Naval
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performance on July 22nd, and a first-ever Naval Academy Rock Band Reunion Concert on July 24th. Details of those performances will be forthcoming, but one thing is certain: if there are Naval Academy Band alumni present, the sea stories are certain to be as entertaining as the music!

As the U.S. Naval Academy Band's 150th anniversary approaches, we consider the past, commemorate the present, and celebrate the future of the "Navy's Oldest and Finest Band." We hope you will be able to join us for an unforgettable experience during this one-of-a-kind 150th anniversary season!



Visit us on the World Wide Web at:
www.nadn.navy.mil/USNABand



COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Patrons,

As we look forward to another academic year with classes started and the yard alive with the return of the Brigade, we at the band have spent a great deal of our time looking back on 150 years of music created by hundreds of dedicated and talented musicians that have served in support of the Naval Academy. This is an

exciting time for us in the band, and we look forward to sharing our year-long celebration of 150 years of service to the Brigade.

In addition to our regular fall and winter schedule, you will see special performances throughout the year starting with the 150th Celebration Opening Concert on October 4th. You can expect to hear some wonderful music reflective of the history and changes the band has experienced over the years, and see the many faces of the musicians that have helped make this band what it is today. We will introduce the new Drum Major Dress uniform and Drum Line that will bring a new "old" look to Worden Field.

I also want to take a moment to congratulate our three new Chief Petty Officers, MUC Marcia Diehl, MUC Frank Dominguez, and MUC Karl Schultz. This is a great milestone in their careers and very well deserved.

I look forward to seeing you at our many performances throughout this special year for the band, and I hope you will enjoy this year with us as much as we have enjoyed planning and preparing for it. We send out a hearty congratulations and heartfelt thank you to all the Naval Academy Band Alumni that have gone before us. Thank you for being the best audience a band could ever have. Happy sesquicentennial!

Sincerely,

D. H. Keller, Jr.
Director

MUCS STEVE BARZAL COMPLETES SPECIAL PROJECT AS RESEARCH INTERN

MUCS Steve Barzal spent the month of July at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute as a research intern. He was the only enlisted person selected from the US Department of Defense for this position. While there, he wrote the Native American Heritage Month booklet, which will be released this fall throughout the DoD.



CLARINET MASTER CLASS

All are invited to the United States Naval Academy Band's 2nd Annual Clarinet Day. October 5, 2002 from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. in the band room. Noted clarinetist and mouthpiece maker Ignatius Gennusa will conduct a master class. Bring your clarinets and join in the clarinet choir, conducted by composer John Stephens. Any questions? Contact MU1 Ben Redwine at (410) 798 8251, or via e mail at redwine@gwmail.usna.edu.



Attention Naval Academy band members, past and present!!
NAVAL ACADEMY BAND RING

To celebrate the band's 150th anniversary, Artcarved will be striking the mold for an exclusive Naval Academy Band ring!! With an estimated price of approximately \$450, the ring will be available in white or yellow gold, and will feature the band's updated logo as well as the Naval Academy crest. For more information on this one of a kind keepsake and other exciting items that will be available for purchase throughout the year, please phone or e mail Ray Ascione at (410) 293-1270 or ray11798@hotmail.com. (Please note that the actual ring may vary slightly from the image and prices reflect cost only, USNA Band will not benefit financially.)

If you or a friend would like to receive "Serenade", the Naval Academy Band newsletter, please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail it to us. We will be happy to include you on our patron list. **BONUS!** Patrons with email will receive press releases for each concert.

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CHAMBER ENSEMBLES REMAIN "FORWARD DEPLOYED!"

By MU1 Joel Borrelli Boudreau

Two chamber music groups from "The Navy's Oldest and Finest Band" performed recently in high profile venues during June and July of 2002. While maintaining a busy operating tempo here at the Naval Academy, the clarinet quartet and brass quintet rehearsed vigorously to present new material for this year's offerings.

On June 8th, 2002, the clarinet quartet "The Cane Mutiny," under the direction of MUC Marcia Diehl, performed at the prestigious Oklahoma Clarinet Symposium held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. A truly international event, the symposium attracts a wide spectrum of both amateur and professional musicians numbering over 300! The quartet gave a dynamic performance presenting a world premiere performance of Dr. Nickitas Demos' "Play That!," an exciting work that treated the audience to the brilliant artistry of featured guest artist Leslie Nicholas, clarinet professor at Georgia State University. They closed with an adaptation of Artie Shaw's "Third Chorus" featuring MU1 Benjamin Redwine, who dazzled the audience with his effortless improvisations on "Begin the Beguine," "Star Dust," and "Besame Mucho." The concert was so well received that the founder and organizer, Dr. David Etheridge, extended an open invitation to perform at future symposiums!



On July 29th 2002, The Naval Academy Band Brass Quintet gave an exciting performance at the annual Texas Bandmasters Association Conference in San Antonio, TX. The Texas Bandmasters Association, the largest state band directors association in the world, has worked diligently over the past 55 years to further the cause of instrumental music education throughout the Lone Star State. This convention draws educators from across the United States. Under the direction of MUC James M. Bean, the quintet's virtuosic performance included Bedrich Smetana's "Dance of the Comedians," featuring MU1 Brian Strawley's pyrotechnic trumpet, and their "flagship" piece, Jan Bach's "Rounds and Dances," an extremely complex rhythmic work. The Naval Academy Band is building quite a reputation for excellence at the TBA Conference; this is the fourth ensemble to appear, and if the audience response is an indicator, it won't be the last!

NAVY BAND 13 VISIT

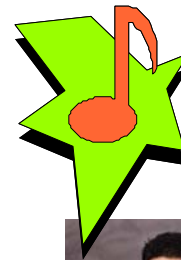
The United States Naval Academy Band was honored to have Navy Band 13, assigned to Pearl Harbor in 1940, attend their Annapolis City Dock concert on July 30, 2002. Each member of Navy Band 13 was stationed in "paradise" until the fateful attack by the Japanese, thrusting the United States into World War Two. Navy Band

13 was in the area to be honored as the first Navy Band in history to receive a commemorative plaque at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. at a dedication ceremony August 1, 2002. The band is also distinguished as having served more continuous time in a war zone than any other U.S. Navy Band. The members present were: Dale Phillips, George Young, Johnny Crawford, Frank Hansbery, George Miller, and Lee Ousley. Their interaction with the band before and after the concert was enjoyable for all, and very enlightening for the Naval Academy Band. Three members of Navy Band 13 were unable to attend. You can read their full story reprinted from the Sunday Capital Newspaper on the Naval Academy Band's website. Special thanks to MU1 Cathy Stiles for escorting the visiting heroes on a tour of the Academy.



World War II Navy Band members pose with members of the Naval Academy Band before the start of a concert on July 30.

They are, from left, MUCM James Rodak, ENS Walt Cline, George Young of Colorado, George Miller of Virginia, Frank Hansbery of California, Lee Ousley of Alabama, Johnny Crawford of Pennsylvania, Dale Phillips of Maryland, band leader LCDR Donald Keller and MUCM Jeff Diehl.



Noteworthy Events



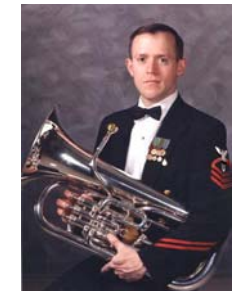
Congratulations to our new Chief Petty Officers !!!



MUC Francisco Dominguez



MUC Marcia Diehl



MUC Karl Schultz

USNA Band Sailor of the Year

MUC Marcia Diehl

USNA Band Sailor of the Quarter

MU1 Bruce Smith, 2nd Qtr, 02

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

MU1 Michael Whittaker

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal

MUCS Steve Barzal, 2001 and 2002

Expert Rifleman Medal

MU1 Joseph Tubiolo

Expert Pistol Shot Medal

MU1 Joseph Tubiolo

Navy Good Conduct Medal

MU1 John Ohlemeyer, MU1 Joseph Stiles, 5th award

MU1 Michael Acosta, MU1 Raymond Ascione, MU1 Marc Boensel, 4th award

MU1 Sergio Dacol, MU1 Kenneth Pfabe, MU1 Paul Skinner, 3rd award

MU1 Mary Foley, 2nd award

MU1 Lynda Dembowski, MU1 James Hurd, MU1 Benjamin Redwine, 1st award

New to the USNA Band Family

Chad Anthony, son of MU1 Ritchie Smith and his wife Jodie, was born on July 29, 2002 at 8:23 A.M., weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 20 inches. Will he be a drummer or an audio engineer...?



Congratulations Newlyweds!

MU1 John Duley and Terry were married on January 25.

MU1 Nick Pastelak and Dianne were wed on March 9.

MU1 Randy Morser and Becky exchanged vows on June 22.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO:

MU1 Michael Whittaker to Fleet Reserve

The United States Naval Academy Band

150th Anniversary Fall Concert Series

October 4
150th ANNIVERSARY SEASON OPENER
8:00 P.M. in Alumni Hall.

October 11
ELECTRIC BRIGADE IN CONCERT
8:00 P.M. in Mitscher Hall.

October 11
Chamber Music Series
MUSIC FOR TUBA AND TRUMPET
8:00 P.M. at Mayo United Methodist Church, 1005 Old Turkey Point Rd, Edgewater

October 18
NAVY BIRTHDAY
8:00 P.M. at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase Street, Annapolis

October 25
Chamber Music Series
CLARINET CHOIR
8:00 P.M. at 1st Presbyterian Church, Duke of Gloucester at Conduit Streets, Annapolis.

October 27
Chamber Music Series
USNA BRASS QUINTET PRESENTS
3:30 P.M. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 461 College Pkwy, Arnold

November 1
VETERAN'S DAY
8:00 P.M. at Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Rd., Annapolis

November 3
Chamber Music Series
MUSIC FOR SAXOPHONE, MALLETS, AND WOODWIND QUINTET
3:30 P.M. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 461 College Pkwy, Arnold

November 22
CONCERT BAND
8:00 P.M. in Mitscher Hall

December 12 & 13
HOLIDAY BY THE BAY
8:00 P.M. at Mahan Hall.

December 14
CHILDREN'S MATINEE
2:00 P.M. at Mitscher Hall

All Naval Academy Band concerts are free and open to the public with no tickets required.
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